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## **April 2016 Is Utah Fair Housing Month**

SALT LAKE CITY - April 2016 is Fair Housing Month in the State of Utah. In an effort to increase awareness of housing rights, in partnership with the Utah Labor Commission, Utah Governor Gary R. Herbert issued a declaration that affirms that tenants, landlords, home seekers, property owners and managers, realtors, and lenders are able to purchase, rent, finance, and insure their housing free from the invidious effects of discrimination.

Utah Fair Housing month raises awareness pertaining to fair housing rights and of the many housing opportunities available to the residents of this state. The Utah Labor Commission advocates empowering the public in their housing options so that everyone shares in the many housing choices this great state affords. Alison Adams-Perlac, director of the Utah Antidiscrimination and Labor Division said, "In order to help prevent housing discrimination, it is important for tenants and landlords to understand their legal rights and responsibilities." An environment free of housing discrimination is an environment full of housing opportunities.

The Utah Antidiscrimination and Labor Division of the Utah Labor Commission enforces Utah law which prohibits housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, source of income, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and familial status.

For more information regarding fair housing services please visit the Division's website using http://laborcommission.utah.gov/divisions/AntidiscriminationAndLabor/fair\_housing.html, or participate in events scheduled around the state in honor of Fair Housing Month.

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